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Mass Schedule Masses on the Lord's Day:

Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 9:30am & II:30am

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday to Friday 9:15am

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

(Sundays, September to May)
Grades I-8: Weekly 10:40am in the school

SHARE THE WORD

(Sundays, September to May)
Ages 3-6: Bi-Weekly during the 9:30am Mass

PASTORAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Father Mark A. Tarrant, Pastor	ext 213
Deacon Michael Thibert	
Deacon Joseph McLellan, Emeritus	
Laura Carreiro, Principal	ext 242
Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate	ext 217
Genevieve Makinson, Financial Administrator	ext 211
Eddie Melo, Building Operations	ext 220
Debbie Dusanek, Parish Admin. Coordinator	ext 210
Deb Bernier, School Admin. Assistant	ext 241

Parish Office Hours Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm Closed for Lunch 12:00pm to 1:00pm

For admittance to the Church or the School Office during office hours, please use the intercom button located at the Renfrew School Entrance, the Courtyard or the Parking Lot door.

"Missioned to Stewardship, we are a community that Lives, Loves and serves in Christ."

PARISH CONTACTS

Finance Council: Kevin McCulloch/ Peter Smith Parish Pastoral Council: Johnston Smith School Board: Elizabeth Matyi Leann Smith Ministers of the Word: Ministers of the Eucharist: loe Brekelmans Altar Servers: Keith Mathewson Catechism: Parish Office Spiritual Journeying: Margaret Kingdon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:00 to 4:30pm (or by appointment)

Sacrament of the Sick: At home or in the hospital. Please call the Parish Office.

Baptism of Infants: Usually celebrated with the Community on the Day of the Lord. We encourage parents to participate in the preparation process as early as possible. Please call the Parish Office.

Initiation of Adults/ Children: Please call Parish Office for more information.

Sacramental Preparation for School-aged

Children: Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation is provided through our Parish Community. Information is available through the parish office, on line or in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples planning to get married at St. John Brebeuf must contact Father Mark (ext 213) at least one year in advance. Marriage preparation and Church attendance is expected and required.

Funerals: Please speak to Fr. Mark <u>before</u> meeting with the Funeral Home.

Catholic Women's League: Meets at 12:30pm on the first Sunday of the month (October to May).

Knights of Columbus Council 1107: Meets at 7:30pm on the second Wednesday of the month (September to June).

January 4/5, 2014: Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany of the Lord—Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

In our world bent on productivity, the "spiritual-life-as-journey" trope has been so over-deployed, it has worn itself into a cliché. So "journey" may be too abstract a way to reflect on what happens in our spiritual lives. Maybe that's why the story of the "wise men from the East"—or Magi—in Matthew's Gospel is so refreshing; it gives us a specific picture of a search for God in unexpected places.

In setting out to find Jesus, the Magi observed the signs around them, they listened for clues, they followed leads, and they trusted their instincts. They saw the star at its rising and allowed it to lead them to Jerusalem. When the trail went cold, they asked around for help. They asked dangerous questions—one does not simply walk around the capital asking, "Where's the guy in charge?" The whole point of having palaces and mighty government buildings is so people are clear about where the power lies.

After shaking things up in Jerusalem, the Magi took to heart the advice they got from Herod's scholars and set off for Bethlehem. They were reassured when they regained sight of the star that had started this adventure to begin with. Feeling sure that this was the place, they went into the house and saw Jesus and Mary. It was then that they knelt down and opened up their chests, laying their treasure at the feet of a baby. Then they went back; they took the long way home.

The journey of the Magi is really a pilgrimage. They set out not entirely sure where they are going or what they are really looking for. They keep an open mind along the way and eventually they know they've found it when they see it. They have the courage to break open their most precious possessions and leave them behind. Their trip changed them and they returned home by another road.

Each week we make the trek to this church where we encounter Christ in the Eucharist. God calls each of us here and it's a tiny miracle that we make it through the doors. Here, we fall to our knees in awe of God's mysterious and profound love for us. God breaks open the parts of ourselves we would rather keep locked away. Once opened, we feel relief as God empties out the treasures we have hoarded for ourselves. Loads lightened and hearts lifted up, we can meander back to our lives reminded of what is truly important, free to reflect God's love to others. The point of the trip isn't that we make it to mass; it's that we leave this place changed to the point we go home by another way.

~Tom Bailey Robertson, Pastoral Associate

Knights of Columbus #1107:

Sobeys Gift cards are available in \$25, \$50 or \$100 denominations following weekend Masses. Purchase a gift card for Winnipeg Harvest and a tax receipt will be issued.

Christian Outreach:

Our Place/Chez Nous Jesus said, "The poor you will always have with you." (Matthew 26:11) Our Place/Chez Nous continues to be the star of love for those who live on the streets. Their demand always exceeds their supply. Please help fill their needs by donating:

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- **Socks and Underwear**
- Toiletries, Spare change and bills

Winnipeg Harvest There is currently an urgent need for non-perishable food items HARVEST. and baby formula. Top 10 list and donation bins for both organizations at main church entrance.

Sharing God's Gifts:

Our Target: \$68,530 Current Pledges & Donations: \$67,256

Pastoral References: All pastoral reference requests for students seeking admission to St. Mary's or St. Paul's High school must be in to Fr. Mark by Jan. 16.





Visiting us today? Welcome! If you are new to our area, and are seeking a new parish family, we invite you to join us. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin boards at the main entrances. Please complete and drop in the offertory basket, or forward to the Parish Office. www.sjbcommunity.ca

January 4/5, 2014: Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, Jan. 5	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord 9:30am: +Cornelio Parado 9:35am: Share the Word 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Liam Farrell 12:30pm: C.W.L. Meeting
Monday, Jan. 6	Weekday Ferial No Mass
Tuesday Jan. 7	Memorial: St. André Bessette, Religious 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Jakob Dornn 7pm: Diocesan Development & Peace Mtg.
Wed., Jan. 8	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Rosa & Vincent McGivney 7pm: Mass w/K. of C. Meeting
Thursday, Jan. 9	Weekday Ferial 9am: Mass with the School
Friday, Jan. 10	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Ita Egan
Saturday, Jan. 11	Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord 5pm: +Evelyn & Ben Mullally
Sunday, Jan. 12	Feast: The Epiphany of the Lord 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 9:35am: Share the Word 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Helen Luy 7pm: Confirmation Session

St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:

December 14/15: \$15,436 December 21/22: \$8609

Pre-Authorized Donations for December: \$22,866.50

Philippines Emergency Final total: \$9280

If you have not yet picked up your 2014 Offertory Envelopes, they are available at the main church entrance. Please contact the office if there are any issues with your envelope.

St. John Brebeuf Parish offers the convenience of Pre-Authorized Withdrawal from your bank account or credit card, or through post-dated cheques. For details, please call Genevieve at 204-488-4467.



Baptism: Are you expecting a child or contemplating Baptism for your child? We have returned to seasonal Baptismal Weekends. For further information, please contact Tom in the Parish Office.

<u>Adult Faith Formation:</u> Next session: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 in the St. Marie Room

Epiphany:

This is our feast. This is the celebration of Jesus made manifest to the Gentiles as represented by the three magi. It shows that the Gentiles are coheirs with the Jews in God's promises. The date of the Epiphany of Our Lord used



to be January 6th, but it was moved to the first Sunday after January first. In many countries this is the day on which gifts are exchanged, remembering the gifts given by the Magi. Some even call it "Little Christmas," although that name refers to different days and dates in different cultures.

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Around the Archdiocese and Beyond:

- Separated— Widowed— Divorced: Beginning Experience (BE) is a non-profit, peer support grief resolution program helping single-again persons deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity for turning pain from loss into an experience of positive growth. The next 10 week session starts Wed., Jan. 8. Call 204-275-3090 or visit www.BeginningExperienceWinnipeq.ca
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: January 19-26. Opening worship service Sunday, Jan. 19, Crescent Fort Rouge United Church, 525 Wardlaw at Nassau St. N. A complete schedule is posted on the Lanark bulletin board, or visit www.archwinnipeg.ca
- Sister Strikes Again: Saturday, Feb. 1, St. Mary's Academy. A nostalgic and hilarious look at parochial school education in the 50's and 60's. This onewoman show features a formidable but lively Sister against the backdrop of an era appropriate classroom. Tickets \$50, Alumnae Office: 204-478-6031 or visit www.stmarysacademy.mb.ca
- Worldwide Marriage Encounter Wknd: Feb. 28-Mar 2, 2014. Call Serge & Ira, 204-951-8075

Let us Pray for our Sick and Homebound:

Therefore...pray for one another, so that you may be healed (James 5:15)

Marie A., Don Barnicki, Nick Bencharski, Gisèle Bertalanffy, David Bruneau, Omer De Wandel, Ben D'Souza, Kathleen Foster, Mario Di Fonzo, Irene Glass, Janice Harvey, Leslie Hiebert, Kay Hunt, J.D., Therese LaClare, Margaret Lafreniere, Marvin Lavitt, Robert Lee, Kelly M., Romulo Magsino, Trisha Magnus, Jim Mahon, Paul Mazur, William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Eric Moscarella, Georgia Poirier, Louise Soubry, Brenda T., Jack Tarnava, Suzanne Thille, Geraldine Walker, W.J., Brian Woods

If someone in your family is ill and requests the prayers of the parish community, please contact the Parish Office. To have names published, we require permission requesting that their name be added or removed from the prayer list.

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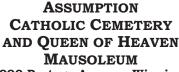
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